



YAO-4308US

PATENT

RECEIVED

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MAY 04 2004

Applicant: K. Satoh et al. : Art Unit: 2834
Serial No.: 09/431,201 : Examiner: T. Dougherty
Filed: November 1, 1999
For: PIEZOELECTRIC
LOUDSPEAKER

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing of the above-referenced application.

A certification can be made that the references were cited in a search report, or became known within the last 3 months. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, the required certification (as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)) is provided herewith.

YAO-4308US

- 2 -

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, an attorney registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, hereby certifies that each reference disclosed in the subject Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months before the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew L. Ney, Reg. No. 20,300
Attorney for Applicants

Enclosures:

PTO Form 1449

Copy of (3) References

Search Report

Dated: January 2, 2002

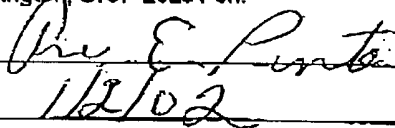
P.O. Box 980

Valley Forge, PA 19482-0980

(610) 407-0700

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 18-0350 of any fees associated with this communication.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on:


1/2/02

FORM PTO-1449Sheet 1 of 1 g

APR 30 2004

PIPE

OFFICE 8608 JC

1

RECEIVED
RECEIVED

May 04 2004

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

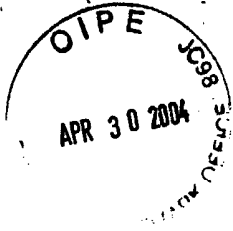
OTHER DOCUMENTS

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

			European Search Report dated October 4, 2001, application no. EP 99 12 0895.

Examiner	Date Considered
----------	-----------------

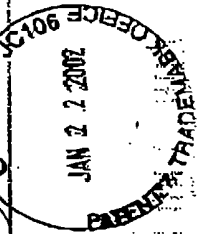
Examiner. Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.



RECEIVED
JAN 28 2002
RATNER & PRESTIA

PLEASE ADVISE BY FAX OR TELEPHONE IF THE DOCUMENT IS
NOT RECEIVED BY THE ADDRESSEE. IF THE DOCUMENT IS
NOT RECEIVED BY THE ADDRESSEE, THE ADDRESSEE MUST
FURNISH A "RETURNED TO SENDER" CARD TO THE ADDRESSEE
WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE DATE OF RECEIPT. IF THE
ADDRESSEE DOES NOT FURNISH A "RETURNED TO SENDER"
CARD, THE ADDRESSEE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
COST OF RETURNING THE DOCUMENT TO THE ADDRESSEE.

FILE NO. 13885 PEE DUE? YES ☐ NO ☒ ENC'D ☐
NAME: SA 7th Floor
DOCUMENTS Supp 2-5 H 49 ad 3 refs
Serial 1-1070701



09/431, 207



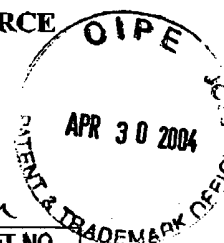
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450



09 / 431201

APPLICATION NO/ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
--------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

EXAMINER

ART UNIT

PAPER

404

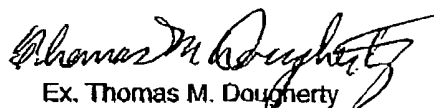
DATE MAILED:

See find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

49 has not been considered as the case has already been allowed.

THOMAS M. DOUGHERTY
PRIMARY EXAMINER
GROUP 2100


Ex. Thomas M. Dougherty
April 22, 2004



YAO-4308 US

okw

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/431,201	11/01/1999	KAZUE SATOH	YAO-4308US	8392

7590 04/27/2004

ANDREW L NEY
RATNER PRESTIA
ONE WESTLAKES BERWYN SUITE 301
P O BOX 980
VALLEY FORGE, PA 194820980

EXAMINER

DOUGHERTY, THOMAS M

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

2834

DATE MAILED: 04/27/2004

RECEIVED
APR 29 2004
RatnerPrestia

Status check
5/21/04
[Signature]

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Sheet 1 of 1

GROUP
2834

[illegible][illegible]

			European Search Report dated October 4, 2001, application no. EP 99 12 0895.

Examiner <i>Thomas M. Hughes</i>	Date Considered <i>April 22, 2004</i>
----------------------------------	---------------------------------------

Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.